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What I am an expert at

One thing I consider myself good at is skiing. I learned how to ski when I was 5 years old when my aunt took me and my sister. I was scared to go at first because it looked scary and confusing like something only old people did. As I got closer to the mountain I could see that there were kids my age skiing and snowboarding down the hill really fast. So I told myself if they could do it so could I. I remember taking to it so well and having so much fun while my sister struggled to stand. In less than an hour I had mastered the basic “pizza” technique that the instructor taught us. The “pizza” is when both skis form a point in front of you resembling a piece of pizza. I was so happy to have learned how to ski because nothing was or is more exciting to me than flying down a cold mountain on a pair of skis. After age 5 I recall going skiing with my aunt and some cousins who were much better than me. But I watched them and tried to keep up as they went soaring past me down the mountain and off jumps and through the wood trails. Sure, I fell quite a bit and got a couple scrapes but I didn’t get discouraged. I got right back up and kept trying to improve and be just as good as my cousins. On the days where I went skiing alone I would try to improve as much as possible so I would impress my cousins the next time we went. Even today I love to ski, the cold wind and the great view from the chair lift. I still watch and observe better skiers than I and try to gain skill. I am still learning and getting better. I would never call myself an expert skier but I would consider myself good. As I get older I feel like I will get even better, hopefully to the point where I can teach others what the “pizza” technique is.